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FIRE HALL BREAKFAST . . . (see story inside)



. . . . F.U.A. Membership Tour enjoys U.S. flapjacks.

Veregin Bankruptcy Proved "REAL DISASTER" To Farmers

A return of only 4.2 cents on the dollar to farmer-creditors of M. M. Veregin Stockyards Limited is "completely ridiculous", states FUA President Paul Babey.

He was commenting on Agriculture Minister Harry Strom's statement in the Legislature Monday on the Veregin bankruptcy. Mr. Babey was speaking to about 80 farmers at an FUA District Convention in Medicine Hat Tuesday March 16.

Mr. Strom had said that the bankruptcy of the Northern Alberta livestock buying firm was a "real disaster for the people in the area concerned." Mr. Babey agreed with this assessment. But to his applauding audience, he added that it is not enough for Mr. Strom to suggest "social welfare" for those hardest hit. "Is this the only answer for agriculture?" Mr. Babey asked. "Would the government rather pay welfare to farmers than to see they get fair treatment?"

Not Secured Creditors

There were 823 livestock producers affected by the Veregin bankruptcy in late 1963. These farmers are owed \$237,537 by the firm. Only one \$10,000 bond covered the operation of ten livestock buying yards in communities scattered through central and northern Alberta. Liquidation of company assets in this case will benefit farmers very little as farmers are not considered preferred creditors under the Bankruptcy Act, a federal statute. Only after se-

cured debts are paid will money owed to farmers be paid.

This case has prompted adoption of new regulations by the government. These were announced Monday, and include requirements for a \$10,000 bond on each buying station. And dealers either buying or selling livestock must henceforth set up livestock trust accounts. This last item will guarantee that all money involved in such transactions will be handled through special accounts, which will ensure payment on cheques issued for livestock purchases.

Mr. Babey said he agreed with the need for these new regulations. And he said he approved Mr. Strom's stated intention "to prevent, by closer scrutiny, that this never happens again." "However", Mr. Babey pointed out, "This does not help those people

receiving 4.2 cents on the dollar. The FUA requested increased bonding for livestock dealers several years ago. These requests have now been carried out, but only after this unfortunate affair took place. Surely these innocent people deserve more consideration than to be placed on welfare."

LOCALS:

Please send in all memberships which have been collected but not submitted to Head office

BEFORE WE START TO BURY THE DEAD?

Heads Welfare Council



Mrs. C. T. Armstrong

Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, a former president of the F.W.U.A., has been re-elected for a fourth term as president of the Alberta Council on Child and Family Welfare. The group held its annual meeting recently in Calgary. Among other representatives to the meeting was the current F.W.U.A. president, Mrs. R. Johnston. Mrs. Armstrong also serves as a member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Board of Directors.

New Correspondence Course Launched

The Co-operative Union of Canada has launched an Introductory Correspondence Course in the Co-operative Movement.

CUC National Secretary A. F. Laidlaw says the course, intended mainly for new employees of co-operatives, has four main characteristics: "It's direct, simple, brief and inexpensive."

A CUC announcement recently said the course will be administered by educational institutions in various parts of Canada, with the CUC responsible only for providing the text.

Western Co-operative College, Saskatoon, is the first educational institution to adopt the new course and is now receiving applications from the four western provinces.

Dr. Laidlaw says there has been a great demand for a short course for beginners, since introduction three years ago of the CUC's longer and more detailed 15 lesson Correspondence Course on the Co-operative Movement.

"Correspondence courses have proved their value in co-operative education in Canada," he added. "They are an important means of training co-op personnel, especially when used in conjunction with other courses and training programs."

NFU Poses Eight Grain Policy Changes

Canada's basic agricultural policy objectives are in serious need of reappraisal, says the National Farmers Union. In its submission to the federal government March 1, quite a bit of emphasis was placed on the need for major revisions in grain marketing policy.

An eight-point program of major revisions in grain marketing policy was advocated. Recommended changes were:

- (1) That the Canadian Wheat Board announce in advance of each crop season the level of quotas which it will receive from producers for that crop year and that a basic minimum quota objective per specified acre be set.
- (2) That the Canadian Wheat Board accept through the elevator systems only those kinds and grades of grain needed to meet domestic and export demands.
- (3) If, by the end of the crop year, the Canadian Wheat Board had been unable to accept the basic minimum quota of grain which the farmer had available for delivery, payment then be made by the Board to the farmer on the balance of his undelivered minimum quota which will thereupon become the property of the Board and sealed in a bin to be re-
- (4) Payment of storage by the Canadian Wheat Board to the farmer having undelivered grain sealed in his bins on his farm at the same rate paid to country elevators, with storage payments to continue until such time as the Board calls forward the farmer's grain for delivery.
- (5) That all grain handling agencies, including western feed tions of the Board.
- (6) That flax, rye and rapeseed, mustard and sunflower seeds and all other oilseeds, be brought under the jurisdiction of the mills be brought under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- (7) That provisions of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Advances Act, cash advances legislation and the Canadian Wheat Board Act be placed on a permanent basis.
- (8) That a representative of the National Farmers Union be appointed as a member of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Child Safety Day Sunday, May 2

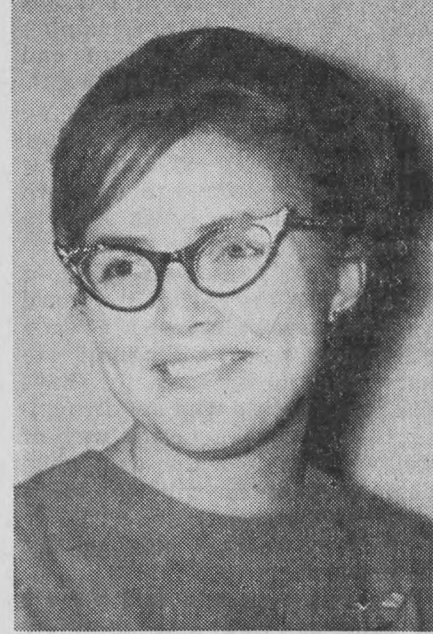
Child Safety Day, to be observed coast to coast in Canada on Sunday, May 2, is not a single day for keeping children safe from harm. The campaign's sponsor, the National Safety League of Canada, points out that this national observance is designed to make every Canadian citizen aware of the need for child safety every day of the year.

Accidents gill more children and youth of school age than the combined totals of the 13 diseases most frequently causing death.

Lloyd Returned

L.L. Lloyd, Saskatoon, has been re-elected for a third term as president of Federated Co-operatives Limited, the wholesale serving co-ops in the three Prairie provinces and north-western Ontario.

Scholarship Program Assists Lacombe Students



Miss Linda Hudd

In November 1958, representatives of F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. locals in the Lacombe County met to discuss the establishment of a scholarship for a grade 12 matriculation student desiring further study.

After a number of meetings the amount was set at \$300.00 with \$100.00 to be returned when the student had graduated and earnings permitted. The recipient must be in need of financial assistance,

and have an average of at least 65%. Funds for the scholarship are raised by donations from the FUA and FWUA groups in the county.

The first scholarship was awarded in August 1959, and one has been given each year since that date. In the 1964 the selection committee chose Miss Linda Hudd, and she is now attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Recreation School

Persons interested in leading recreational activities, and looking for an opportunity to develop their leadership skills, should look into the 1965 Recreation Leadership School July 5 to 31 at the Camrose Junior High School.

The school is organized each year by the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Alberta Government. It is fully residential. Students must be nominated for the school. Any community in Alberta can nominate candidates for the session. All applications must be received by May 1.

More complete information can be obtained by writing to Miss E. M. McFarland, Supervisor, Community Programs, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, Room 424, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Editorial . . .

Farm Union Services - Income Tax

At the present time we have a specialized staff in the office dealing with income tax and its problems.

Any member contacting the office with a tax problem can get free advice. Returns are prepared and filed for both members and non-members at a nominal rate. Last year approximately 500 members took advantage of this service.

If enough members desire it field service is available, where a member of the staff will go to a point and meet with the members to prepare returns. For example, trips have been made to Galahad, Westlock, Tomahawk and Tofield this year. Should you desire this service for next year, arrange for a group of not less than ten and then contact the office and the necessary arrangements will be made. No further field trips will be made before next April 30.

For areas not adjacent to Edmonton, we hope to set up contractual agreements with accountants to do the work for our members at olr rates, and to supply us with a list of the members taking advantage of this service.

We would welcome any comments and inquiries at the office regarding income tax as we wish to enlarge this service, and make it available to more of our members. Eventually we hope to serve the entire province.

D. H. G.

OPEN FORUM

Farm Truck Regulations

The Highway Traffic Board, Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

During the past two years several of our members asked for clarification with respect to hauling with a truck bearing a Farm Licence.

Specifically, these farmers live in the new areas, some miles west of Edmonton. They own land, which they are clearing for farming. Some of the timber is saw-log size and these men have it rough-sawn, either with a hired mill, or in one or two cases, with their own mill. In each case the amount of timber produced is relatively small, and is all from their own land.

Much of this rough timber is then hauled, on their own truck with a farm licence, to Edmonton where it is sold to a planer mill. There appears to be some confusion as whether this lumber can be hauled by the owner, on his own farm truck

In at least one instance, the farmer was assured by the R.C.M.P. that he could legally do this, but received a summons from the Highway Traffic Police when he did so. In order that we may properly advise our members in this regard, may we have a ruling from your office?

Your truly,
W. J. Harper

Reply

Attention: Mr. W. J. Harper
Dear Mr. Harper:

We acknowledge and thank you for your letter of January 21, 1965.

Our policy has been that in the case of land clearing, we have not objected to a farmer hauling logs, poles or pulpwood from his own land from farm to market in a natural state since we con-

sider these activities to be somewhat incidental to the farming process. However, we do not permit the use of farm plates when the process goes beyond the stage of clearing land such as would be entailed in the case of sawing lumber and then hauling the product to market.

Yours very truly,

C. J. Kenway, Secretary
HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD

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TRIP TO INDIA

To the Editor,
Organized Farmer:

Dear Sir:

A letter appeared in the Open Forum of this paper on January 4, which I feel needs to be answered. As I was the mover of a resolution at the Convention, advocating a tour to India under the auspices of the FUA, I am taking upon myself the privilege of setting the writer straight on some points his letter raises, and I hope, giving him a clear picture of the thinking back of the resolution.

The writer claims that Alberta farmers should set right the farmer's problems in Alberta before attempting to help solve those of other countries.

Most of our farm products are sold on the world market. We can only make it possible for other countries to continue to buy our wheat in quantity if we buy their products in return. This is one of the reasons given for the recent tour to China. But China was only forced to buy our wheat by a series of climatic disasters to her own crop.

India, on the other hand, is a fellow member of the Commonwealth, equally in need, but our friend. And the only remaining obstacle, along with Japan and Australia, to Communist aggression in the Far East. Anything we can do to strengthen the economy and the integrity of India now is extremely relevant to our own safety and prosperity as Alberta farmers in the future.

We can no longer safely sit at home and let the rest of the world live in misery. Unless we are ready to demonstrate willingness to share the advantages we have with those people who are struggling to attain to a better way of life, we may see the day when these advantages will be taken from us by force.

There is another side to this question

Someone long ago said we are all sons of God and therefore brothers. This seems to be the concept that is needed to resolve the divisions and the bitterness between peoples in todays shrinking world.

If we add to it Christ's admonition to love ones neighbour as ones self, we have a working formula that is as potent for today's living as it was 2,000 years ago. It is the full answer to the pride of race, class and creed that has divided men for centuries. In today's world such division is too

AMENDMENTS TO THE ALBERTA MARKETING ACT*

Urged by K. V. Kapler, President

Alberta Poultry Marketers Co-operative Association

The delegate body of Alberta Poultry Marketers has endorsed the board system of marketing since the termination of the Special Products Board and the British egg contract in 1949. Our Association is extremely interested in seeking necessary amendments to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act which may be considered during the current session of the Legislative Assembly. The Alberta Act is very unsatisfactory in respect to the voting section and the section containing the powers for the regulation of marketing.

The poultry and egg producers, over the years, have been subjected to lower market prices and greater market price fluctuation than any other branch of agriculture. As an example: during 1964, the market price of Grade A Large eggs, at country points, ranged from a low of 17 cents per dozen to a high of 34 cents. This represents a price fluctuation of 100% and for only three weeks of the entire year did the market price equal the cost of production. Turning to broiler chicken production, the market price to the grower throughout 1964 was from one to two cents below cost of production. No industry can remain solvent under such conditions.

During the past number of years great progress has been achieved by the poultry industry in production techniques which has given the industry a tremendous productive capacity. This same progress has created equally great problems for the poultry and egg producers, not only in Alberta, but right across Canada. The production potential of the industry generally makes new methods of marketing an urgent need. The broiler growers of Ontario will be voting on a self-help marketing program under provincial marketing legislation, this month (March). The broiler growers of B.C. set up a growers marketing board on January 1st, 1962. Three years' experience with this board has demonstrated that the entire broiler economy of the province can be maintained in a sound economic position.

The Alberta Marketing Act in its present form does not measure up to the present day needs of the poultry industry. It is our sincere hope that the government will move to suitably amend the Act by recognizing the changing times and conditions in the poultry industry thereby making possible the alleviation of extended periods of distress suffered by producers.

* The Alberta Legislature is presently reviewing the Marketing Act—Editor

Banff Rural Leadership Conference

Mrs. J. Adie, F.W.U.A. Director, Dist. 11

Thirty-six farm people attended the 8th Annual Rural Leadership Conference at Banff from Feb. 21 to March 5. The purpose of the course is to develop leadership qualities of rural men and women who are already active in community affairs. It was arranged Alf. Petersen of the Dep't of Extension, University of Alberta.

Held in the Banff School of Fine Arts, the annual conference deals with such topics as Agricultural Economics, Rural Sociology, Human Relations, Co-ops and Co-operation, Communications and Public Speaking. It is sponsored jointly by FUA., Alberta Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, UFA Co-op, Farmers Union & Co-operative Development Association, and the University of Alberta. Ladies are also sponsored by FWUA and AWI. Instructors are provided by the sponsoring co-ops, Dep't of Extension, U. of A., and the Co-op College in Saskatchewan.

Both the FUA and FWUA were well represented. Many members were in attendance including several directors and sub-directors.

dangerous. We must each do our part to unite all men of goodwill, if we are to survive.

I believe that there are many among the farm people of Alberta, who will be ready to take the time and trouble to go to India.

We can, by our care for people there, promote unity in the Commonwealth, and a better answer than Communism for Asia.

W. G. Bocoock, Volmer

Students found the course most beneficial and enjoyable, from both an intellectual and social viewpoint. The studies pertaining to human nature developed a deeper understanding and appreciation of others. Questions discussed included:

What makes people click in social situations?

How can we work best, together?

What are we trying to achieve, and how can we best organize our forces to accomplish it?

What is really important to us, and what is our whole purpose in living?

These and many other topics were dealt with by competent instructors, and students participated freely in discussion throughout the 12 days.

Better Reports

Public Speaking, as well as Effective Writing and Reporting played an important part in the study groups. Many pleasant social hours were spent, and many new friendships sealed. Perhaps this group set a record for a wide range in age. Mr. Lorne Proudfoot of Chinook enjoyed every minute (including swims in the hot pool) at the age of 84 years, while Len Fullen of Claresholm fitted in equally well with the group, at 21 years of age. If a popularity contest had been held, it's a foregone conclusion Mr. Proudfoot would have won, with our other senior member, Mrs. Barker of Calgary, a close second. Mrs. Barker was our capable

Misses of Ceremonies at the banquet on the final night, and later entertained with a solo. Mr. Proudfoot recited three long poems at social evenings, and we were all amazed at his fine memory.

The Banff Rural Leadership Conference is highly recommended for all farm people interested in adult education. Future courses should be more fully publicized at the local level, and farm groups, County Teams, etc., should increase their efforts to persuade potential leaders to attend.

My thanks to the F.W.U. for giving me the opportunity to represent them at the '65 Leadership Conference.

FWUA Conference In District 8

The District 8 FWUA conference will be held in the Sedgewick Anglican Church Hall on Thursday, April 22nd, commencing at 10:00 a.m. An interesting program has been planned and all farm women are invited to attend. Dinner will be served.

EXPO Camp Site

The Quebec government is negotiating with Canadian government authorities in the hope of establishing, in time for EXPO 67, a huge camping area on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River, for 10,000 campers.

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F.W.U.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

F.W.U.A. CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP CAMP

Mrs. Russell Johnston

The F.W.U.A. Canadian Citizenship Camp is to be held the first week in July at the Jr. F.U.A. Goldeye Lake Camp west of Red Deer. We appreciate the decision of the Camp Committee which permits us to use this time (July 4th-10th) rather than late in August as in previous years. This will enable us to obtain students before they start their summer employment and should enable us to obtain our full quota of 40 students from among those most likely to benefit from this type of camp. Our thanks to those planning the Teen Camps for granting us this time.

The First Camp

The 1962 F.W.U.A. Citizenship Camp was an attempt to do something practical to develop better understanding between the Indians and other ethnic groups. In assessing that first camp Mrs. Braithwaite said, "This was a pioneer camp, and we hope to make it an annual event. The sooner we accept our Indians and accord them the status they merit in our society the better for them, for us, and for all Canada."

Canadian Citizenship

We realize the Canadian Indians and the Canadians of European ancestry are only two of the racial groups in Canada and that other groups should be included at the camp. Believing that the past three years' experience should enable us to do this successfully the F.W.U.A. convention broadened the emphasis by changing the name to the F.W.U.A. Canadian Citizenship Camp. In broadening the racial groupings I would hope that we would continue to have about half Indian young people. We should also include a large number of Metis. Since these young people are not on the reserves they are not financed by the De-

partment of Indian Affairs. They live in our rural communities so it will be our responsibility to find them and to help finance their camp fee of \$25.00. If your local is unable to send a young person from your community possibly you could help finance some of these people. We hope to include some from other racial groups. A Japanese girl is going and we hope the Chinese and Negroes will also be represented.

Indians — A Part of The Community

Since pioneer days the farm women's organization has been concerned with the welfare of the rural community and of the total Alberta, Canadian and world community. We believe that the Indians who are at a disadvantage should be our concern. They are not different—a people apart—they are part of our total community and should be treated as such. Many educated Indians who have left the reserves are being accepted in Canadian society but many Indians still meet with discrimination. Canadians critical of American attitudes toward the Negroes should consider Canadian attitudes toward the Indians. The reserve system should be modified, provincial governments should accept more responsibility and Indian communities should receive the same type of assistance as do other rural communities. Credit should be given to the Northland School Division.

Mr. Sauve in discussing rural poverty in Canada said that in Alberta 19% of farm families and 39% of rural non-farm families had an income of less than \$3,000. A.R.D.A. surveys in Alberta indicate that many Alberta Indians live in low income areas which lack employment opportunities. All rural people who are hampered by

poverty and lack of education will find it difficult to adjust to the rapidly changing society of today. We will need future leaders. The aim of the F.W.U.A. Canadian Citizenship Camp is to provide a camping experience for rural young Canadians of various racial backgrounds, which will enable them to understand themselves, to understand other people, to recognize true democracy and to develop their individual leadership ability.

The Responsibility is Yours

Planning is essential to the successful venture! During April and This means you — **THE WOMEN OF THE F.W.U.A. and F.U.A. LOCALS.**

1965 Plans

The 1965 F.W.U.A. Canadian Citizenship Camp plans were recently completed by the executive in co-operation with personnel from the Citizenship Branch, the Department of Indian Affairs and F.U. & C.D.A. We plan to: (a) increase the enrolment to 40 young men and women between the ages of 16 and 22, (b) add an additional Camp Mother and Camp Father, (c) expand the recruiting to include Metis young people and several other racial groups, (d) to obtain resource personnel who will assist the total camp community to assess their own individual attitudes and abilities, their relationship to other individuals and to the camp as a whole, (e) to provide a camping experience which will lead to greater maturity, to better understanding of other people and to the practice of true democracy.

Recruitment

The May 6th camp planning meeting will emphasize recruit-

ment of students. Last year the Department of Indian Affairs recruited their students early and will be able to do so again this year. Application forms are being sent to the locals and should be returned to the office by May 31st at the latest. If possible before the May 6th planning meeting locals should send in the forms or write to Mrs. Hicks, F.W.U.A. secretary, indicating your plan to sponsor a student or to make a contribution toward sending a student from another area.

The Decision is Yours

YOU must recruit the students! *YOU must decide:* 1. whether or not we will have the full 40 students, 2. which Alberta communities are to benefit by providing this developmental opportunity to one of their future leaders, 3. which young person will be available and which most able to benefit, 4. the overall calibre of the students and therefore the degree of success of the 1965 F.W.U.A. Citizenship Camp.

M.S.I. SERVES FARMERS THROUGH F.U.A. LOCALS

Where there is a need, there is a will, and where there is a will, a way can be found.

That, at least, has been the case during the last three or four years as 130 or more F.U.A. Locals in all parts of the province have been enrolled as M.S.I. Groups.

Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated is the doctor-sponsored program to provide comprehensive pre-paid medical care to the people of Alberta. The corporation is aimed at providing this service at the lowest possible cost. Health risk is spread by this insurance plan over the whole province, thus stabilizing rates.

An important way of spreading this risk has been the formation of M.S.I. Groups. However, because farmers are not part of readily recognizable groups, such as industrial or office employees, a way had to be found by M.S.I. to enroll groups of farmers into "entities."

Because an entity, for the purposes of M.S.I., has to be described, the idea was hit upon of using local organizations such as snow-plow clubs, Municipal Hospital District Associations, Rural Electrification Associations, U.F.A.'s and F.U.A. Locals for this purpose.

According to Mr. H. J. Mann, Enrolment Manager for M.S.I. in

the Edmonton office, and Enrolment Supervisor Mr. Shaw, the F.U.A. Locals which have taken part in this program have been of great help in providing rural coverage. And the program seems popular with the members who have tried it. Of all the locals which have enrolled, "We have only lost one," states Mr. Mann.

It has been found that, in many cases, the membership of F.U.A. locals has increased considerably due to the fact that this service is available. There are several instances where inactive or "dead" locals have been reactivated due to the fact that M.S.I. group coverage has been made available to the members of that local.

How to Enroll

Certain enrolment requirements must, of course, be met before an F.U.A. group can be accepted. For instance, the basic enrolment requirements for all groups are as follows:

1. Groups of two—100% must enroll;
2. Groups of three to ten—all but one must be enrolled;
3. Groups of 11 to 25—a minimum of ten or 75% whichever is the greater;
4. Groups of 26 and over—a minimum of 19 or 60% whichever is the greater.

The F.U.A. local must collect a three-month reserve from each member in addition to at least one month's premium at the time of enrolment. In this way, should a member be away at the time his subscription is due, his reserve can be used instead of terminating his contract. The F.U.A. local holds these reserves, **NOT M.S.I.**

Geographical boundaries must

be established by the local and only members residing within these boundaries are eligible to enroll. The boundaries are recorded on plot plans and both the local and M.S.I. retain a copy for reference purposes when the group is enrolled.

Normally, the executive of each interested local forms an "enrolment committee" consisting usually of five or six F.U.A. members (depending on the size of the local). Each committee member is given a list of his neighbours to contact to enroll in M.S.I. and, in this way, a group is formed. On occasion it may be possible for an M.S.I. representative to work with the executive of the local to assist in the handling of the enrolment. Enrolment kits supplied by M.S.I., assist the canvassers greatly in their work.

M.S.I. representatives work in conjunction with the F.U.A. district directors, where possible, to arrange for meetings with the various locals.

M.S.I. presently has many rural organizations enrolled, of which more than 130 are F.U.A. groups. A list of these groups is available on request.

Subsidized Plans

Since M.S.I. is an approved carrier of The Alberta Medical Plan, those who are eligible for government subsidy may obtain same by enrolling in the plan. In this way, not only do subscribers enjoy group rates, but their rates may be further reduced though being subsidized by the provincial government.

M.S.I. welcomes enquiries from F.U.A. locals regarding possible enrolment and their representatives are pleased to attend meetings, at no cost or obligation to the local, in order to discuss details and answer questions.

As a point of interest, Mr. W. J. Harper of the F.U.A. is a member of the Board of Directors of M.S.I.

\$1.7 Million Earmarked For Biological Lab

Agriculture Minister Harry E. Strom says construction will start this year on the \$1,700,000 agricultural and biological laboratory to be built on department property adjacent to the University Farm in Edmonton.

The laboratory will consolidate the services now carried out by the dairy, veterinary, soil and feed testing, and Lands and Forest laboratories, and the services of the provincial analyst and the crop clinic. Mr. Strom said the consolidation would avoid duplication, permit savings in capital and operational costs, provide maximum use of technical staff and equipment, and improve and expand service to the public.

To Cut Costs

He added that the six separate existing laboratories are overcrowded and inadequate, and would be faced with the cost of major additions or remodelling in two years. The limited space currently occupied by the soil and feed testing laboratory and the provincial analyst at the University of Alberta is urgently needed by the Faculty of Agriculture itself. Completion of the new laboratory by 1966 will result in a more efficient expenditure of public funds.

Agriculture and wildlife are scientific, said Mr. Strom. They require these services for formulating, evaluating improving and administering government policy on food production and managing fish and wildlife resources. They are also necessary, he concluded, because agriculture is Alberta's most important primary industry

depending on a safe and wholesome food supply to maintain the essential home and out of province markets.

Uninsured Pay \$20 More

Alberta Motorists completing their 1965 Licence Application Forms will have to answer this question: "Do you have the necessary insurance coverage?"

If the answer is "No", indicating that a vehicle is not so insured, an additional fee of \$20 will be required before the licence plates will be issued. This money will go into the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund (unsatisfied judgement fund).

Upon request, motorists paying the extra fee will be issued a green Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Certificate. The law requires that the operator of a motor vehicle produce upon request of a peace officer either the pink financial responsibility card, or the green certificate. A maximum penalty of \$500 is provided under the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act where an applicant for a motor vehicle licence indicates that the vehicle in question is properly insured when in fact it is not.

Law enforcement bodies in towns, cities, and rural areas in Alberta will be carrying out spot-checks of motor vehicles for the sole purpose of finding motorists who are uninsured and have failed to pay the extra \$20 fee. These people are liable for a fine of

up to \$500.

Several in the province have already been penalized to the full extent for the offence. If the \$20 fee required from uninsured motorists has been paid, and if the vehicle has been issued a green certificate, the owner is not liable to a fine. However, it is well to remember that the green certificate provides no protection whatsoever beyond this. The green certificate is not a substitute for adequate insurance.

Beef Scarcity In Europe

There is no indication at present of increasing beef supplies in Britain. An important factor in limiting supplies is the relatively high level of meat prices in other European countries, which has the effect of attracting foreign supplies away from Britain.

Britain domestic meat prices have long been lower than those in most foreign markets but with constantly rising world living standards, there is likely to be intense competition for world meat supplies and it appears that Britain will eventually have to pay more for their supplies.

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F.U.A. Local.....

Number of Members.....

WE SURE HAD A FINE TIME; WISH YOU HAD COME TOO

Here follows a good humoured summary of the recent F.U.A. Membership Tour, compiled from reports, and letters from those who took part. The U.F.A. Co-op Ltd., George Sayle president, deserves a hearty vote of thanks, the Tour Members say, for making it all possible through their sponsorship of this project, and for the grants made available by U.F.A. Co-op for this purpose.

This was the third such tour organized by the F.U.A. Membership Committee. C. J. Versluys acted as chairman of that committee last year, and he played perfectly the role of Tour Leader last month. The group travelled together for the better part of two weeks.

Monday, February 8th was a beautiful morning to start our tour — temperature was 40 degrees above. Those arriving early in Calgary toured the U.F.A. Co-op. This is a new building with all modern bookkeeping systems, using IBM.

About 1:30 p.m. we boarded C.P.R. special coaches for Vancouver — 2 people missing were later discovered on the "Canadian" from Medicine Hat. We were a happy, but quiet group, since most were strangers meeting for the first time.

No Room In The Inn

Upon arriving in Vancouver, 9:35 a.m. we were conveyed by taxi to the Devonshire Hotel where we were greeted by a confused Mr. Hodson, Hotel manager, who was not prepared for our arrival. A few rooms were assigned.

Mr. Hodson was relieved when we departed to the Co-op Insurance premises. Here we were addressed by Messrs. Gant and Widfield. The Co-op is in the process of expanding. Coffee and doughnuts were served before we started a tour of the building.

The accounting department uses an elaborate IBM system. While we watched, cards were transcribed from data sheets. All I.B.M. equipment is rented, allowing new machines to be installed at only rental costs. One machine was making up receipts of the day's business while another machine co-operated by making up tallies. It is almost impossible to make errors on these machines, but occasionally an error is passed up by a checker. In order to derive full value from the machines they must be used constantly.

We visited the 36 lane bowling alley owned by Credit Union members. It is equipped with the latest devices of pin setting, also has baby-sitting service.

But We Kept Trying

Upon returning to the Hotel we discovered that many rooms were not yet available, so we went to lunch, re-assembling about 1:30 at the Hotel before proceeding to the Bayshore Boat Charters. Here we boarded the "Xanadu" as guests of the Alberta Wheat Pool. A two-hour tour of the harbor gave us a good view of Burrard Inlet's activities. Many foreign ships were loading, lumber and grain.

We walked back to the Hotel and were amused by speculation of the natives, as to who the group represented. On arrival at the hotel, we found that all rooms had been assigned. In the evening we went to a banquet on the "Lady Alexandra", a ship which serves as a floating restaurant, as guests of the Co-op Insurance Services. Messrs. Gant and Simpson addressed the group in behalf of Co-op Insurance Services. Cornie spoke for the F.U.A.

The next afternoon, some of us toured the UGG terminal elevator while others went to the Pool terminal. Box-cars were emptied in less than 8 minutes and wheat carried, on many yards of 3 foot conveyor belts, to bins. All metal is removed by huge electromagnets located over the belts. Automatic samplers take grain for grading from each carload.

A Million Bushel Load

Cargo ships carry as much as 1 million bushels of grain, or more, which is loaded in three to four days. That evening the UGG representative Don McRae sent a Gray Lines bus for us — destination 'The Seven Seas' floating restaurant where we enjoyed a sumptuous seafood smorgasbord. Following this we toured North Vancouver and Stanley Park before being delivered back to the hotel.

On February 11th we left for Portland via the Great Northern — changed to Union Pacific at Seattle. We arrived at Portland about 9:30 p.m. where we were met by Bob Youngman of Churchill Tours, who conducted us to the Sheraton Motor Inn.

After breakfast on February 12th we checked out of the hotel at 8:30 and travelled by bus the remainder of the day. Mr. Allan Ham, Vice-president of the Washington-Oregon Farmers' Union accompanied us to the Public Utilities District in Clark County where we were addressed by Gus Norwood who has made a thorough study of power projects. Power has been sold at under one cent per kwh for 8 years in this region. This is a publicly owned power association. They erected a new building at a cost of \$1½ million dollars. This took 8 months to build and was paid for by the time it was completed, out of current revenue. More than \$70 million have been saved by consumer of local public and co-op power systems in Pacific N. W. They have had 300 rate reductions since 1951, when most of the power was owned by private power operations.

Brought To Farms

The consumer pays for installation of all power; 1 yard light, wiring and appliances. But power lines are brought to the property line. The farmer may borrow at 4% interest on a 5 year loan basis. Cost per farm averages \$2 to \$4 thousand, not counting electric heat.

Most of the world uses public owned power. The U.S. has the smallest percentage of public power of any nation in the world but is fast catching up.

Later we travelled to Vancouver, Washington and to Battle-ground (so named because of early battles with the Indians). Here we visited various co-op ventures, a Variety Store and Shop ping Centre, Farm Supply Fuel Oil Service, Feed Distribution Centre and a Cheese Factory. This factory is owned by the Dairyman's Co-op. We were hosted to a lunch of sandwiches, cottage and cheddar cheese, rich Darigold ice cream, cake and coffee. After lunch we boarded the bus and headed down the freeway to Dundee, Oregon, in Yamhill county, to visit a Nut processing Plant. At the Nut Growers Association we were met by Mr. Paul Youngman, who arranged our tour up to departure. Filberts and walnuts grown in the area are processed here. About 2,600,000 lbs of filberts are processed. Shells are burned for power for the factory. Nuts are sorted, blanched, washed and packaged, either in the shell or shelled, and then stored in a

warehouse until shipping to various parts of the country and overseas.

Meet Former Albertan

We arrived at the Safari Motel, McMinnville, in the afternoon. Mr. Jankowski, formerly of Lethbridge operates this first class motel and is a congenial host. Four couples were guests of farmers in the community.

Dinner was at 'The Barn' (a former dairy barn converted to a clubhouse) Mr. R. Gross, Hamhill County Agent, (ag. rep.) spoke to us on production in the Willamette Valley. Our tour leader, C. J. Versluys gave a very good outline of F.U. and Co-operative development in Alberta as well as on Canada-U.S. relations.

Our bus was late arriving the next morning so most of us walked (about a mile) to the McMinnville firehall, under the direction of Mr. Youngman who had arranged for breakfast, (see picture) compliments of McMinnville Chamber of Commerce. After a short inspection of the firehall we went on to the McMinnville Co-op Creamery where we saw handling of whole milk, butter making and the powdered milk process. We toured Bradleys' Frozen Foods where only pies are made. Samples of apple pie were delicious.

From here we went to inspect Rex Mobile Homes. These are all made to order and are self-contained, 10 ft. wide with expansion to 20 ft. We toured the factory where these homes are made.

Law-Makers Make Way

Lunch was at the Bayou Golf and Country Club (a colonial style home). We were assigned to the upper dining room where by some error, state legislature representatives had gathered. After some introductions, they moved to the area reserved for them.

A tour of the North West Fabric (woollen) Mills was very interesting. Although the mill was not in operation that day, the whole process was clearly explained to us.

Following this we toured the Co-op oil and hardware, liquid and dry fertilizer facilities, and inspected application equipment. Here was displayed a sign "Welcome Canadians." After that came a tour of a 40,000 bird turkey farm, owned by Charles Eavers. We then went to the Davton Livestock Co. Here 800 feeders were being fed on corn silage, barley and cannery refuse. We continued on to the Aldermann Farms which produce 1% of all the pole beans grown in the U.S.A.

Upon arrival in Salem we checked in at the Senator Hotel. Mr. Youngman had prearranged at the Rickshaw Dining Room, a dinner of Chinese Food or American as the individual preferred. Al Randal, manager of United Growers Inc., guest speaker, told us of the various farming enterprises in the Willamette Valley.

See Campus and Capital

Sunday morning was free and many attended church. At 1:30 we checked out and boarded a Greyhound bus for a tour of the Willamette University area and the capital buildings. We visited the United Growers Inc. a Co-op cannery of frozen and canned goods. Twenty varieties of vegetables and fruits are processed. The storage building housed some millions of cans of processed foods. The remainder of the afternoon was spent sightseeing—the recent flood area and farm lands in the Willamette Valley. This gave us an idea of the true importance of this area of Oregon. That night we again stayed at the Sheraton. We were sorry to bid goodbye to our congenial bus driver.

At 8:30 the next morning we were ready to board a motor coach and depart for the special coach reserved for us on the Union Pacific. The conductor was extremely courteous, which made our journey to Seattle a pleasant one.

At Seattle we checked into the Roosevelt Hotel where we were on our own until the next morning. Some rode the Monorail to the Space Needle from which they viewed a city at night. Others went shopping.

The fact that the group enjoyed the tour was made evident by their punctuality and eagerness to co-operate. Efforts made by the tour leader were so much appreciated that the group presented Mr. and Mrs. Versluys with a suitably engraved 'coffee service.'

Our American neighbors had helped make our tour the success it was and we were sorry to bid them adieu. They are already planning a trip to Alberta.

The train trip home was a sharp contrast to the journey out. There were no strangers in the group on the return journey.

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Dear Mr. Babey:

As a member of the "Membership Award Tour," I would like to convey my sincere thanks to you and to the F.U.A. for selecting me to go with the tour.

We certainly enjoyed the company of our leader Mr. Versluys and his gracious wife. The co-operation of all members was superb as, no accidents, no one sick, no complaining, and no one lost and no one late for appointments. All returning much happier and wiser for having gone on the tour. I'm sure all will take a greater interest in our F.U.A.

Our neighbors "across the line" gave us a royal welcome which we will not soon forget — even the weather co-operated as we were blessed with sunshine every day. Thanking you and all concerned for a trip to be remembered always.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ralph Hickie,
Rose Lynn, Alta.

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Dear Sirs:

On behalf of my husband, the 41 luck people and myself, who were privileged to go on the award trip, please accept our sincere and grateful thanks.

We had a wonderful time travelling with such friendly people, all of whom were highly elated over being chosen to go.

When I look back now after two weeks at home, it seems like a glorious dream. We found the tours of the Co-ops, feed lot, turkey farm, creameries, grain terminals and the harbor most interesting.

When I open cans of fruit and vegetables now, I think of all the work involved and my mind wanders back to the canneries and frozen food co-ops we saw on the trip.

I counted 28 large boats at Vancouver and have several nice pictures I took of them. However, I was somewhat disappointed to hear that the Russian boats rated as the cleanest and the British as the dirtiest. The wonderful banquets served on the boats were thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the one sponsored by the U.G.G. on the delightful floating restaurant 'The Ship of the Seven Seas.' I almost had to pinch myself to see if it was really me, a poor prairie farm woman, dining in such luxury and wondered just what I had done to deserve all this.

I was somewhat amused to see the reaction of some of the people at the beautiful Sheraton Hotel in Portland where rooms had been

reserved for us—when we entered it was quite clear they thought we were an army of hill billies coming down from the hills. Bellboys and courtesy however were in abundance, and we all had luxurious rooms. Everthing of the very best. Beautiful mahogany furniture, twin beds with a firm and soft pillow and additional pillows in the closet for our comfort, colored phone, radio, TV and everything to be desired. We were eagerly looking forward to our stay there overnight when we returned to Portland. What a let down it was—no bellboys in sight and the rooms we were given were very ordinary. Married couples had a single bed, and a davenport in the room. It was quite obvious we didn't rate very highly with them.

I had longed to see Vancouver and the beautiful B.C. country for sometime, but didn't really think it would ever be possible for my husband and me to get away for a whole two weeks and see so much during that time.

No Worries

However, I found out we're not as important as I thought we were—everything was O.K. at home when we got back and the cattle had thrived very well without us.

Had we travelled on our own, we would have had endless worries, wondering where to stay, (and which was cheaper). What to see, where to go first etc., etc. but were relieved of any anxieties whatsoever. Reservations had been made in the best hotels, taxis and buses always on schedule. Travelling with a group when plans had been so carefully made was most enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Versluys didn't seem to mind having 43 chaperones along on their honeymoon, and I actually think many couples were of the opinion they too were celebrating their own individual honeymoons.

We had an excellent, efficient, and friendly leader who never complained should one of us be a little late—he and his wife counted noses as we travelled to and fro wasn't always easy with 43 hill-billy farmers—however, I think Mr. and Mrs. Versluys will agree that we did try to be a very co-operative group and we did value their excellent leadership.

I have no intention of boring you, but I would also like to mention the wonderful breakfast sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in McMinnville and the spirit with which it was served. What a group of jolly male cooks and waiters. They served everything imaginable including large fluffed hot cakes. We made an attempt of singing 'For They are Jolly Good Fellows' and then one of their number got up and sang 'O Canada' for us.

We walked a mile to the firehall where breakfast was served, but not one volunteered to walk back—we all ate so heartily.

The majority of us attended the Lutheran Church in Salem and I was happy to see such a large congregation, in spite of the fact stores were wide open, theatres, etc. I thought Sunday wouldn't be observed with reverence under such conditions.

The tour was once in a lifetime opportunity and I sincerely urge all fortunate members, lucky enough to be selected, to go if at all possible next year.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the U.F.A. Co-operative for sponsoring the tour and the F.U.A. for giving me the opportunity to go on such a full and rewarding holiday.

Gratefully yours,
Leonard and Marjorie
Westerlund.